

Table HED-3

Trends in for-profit institution awards, by degree level and field: 2000–21

(Number and percent)

Degree level and field	2000	2012	2021	Change 2000–12		Change 2012–21	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	340,259	852,463	521,115	512,204	150.5	-331,348	-38.9
S&E	40,480	78,274	40,754	37,794	93.4	-37,520	-47.9
Certificate	24,377	7,715	12,168	-16,662	-68.4	4,453	57.7
Associate's degree	10,421	32,513	5,816	22,092	212.0	-26,697	-82.1
Bachelor's degree	4,002	27,840	12,669	23,838	595.7	-15,171	-54.5
Master's degree	1,329	9,427	7,740	8,098	609.3	-1,687	-17.9
Doctoral degree	351	779	2,361	428	121.9	1,582	203.1
S&E-related	154,831	405,984	258,152	251,153	162.2	-147,832	-36.4
Certificate	120,971	282,188	150,361	161,217	133.3	-131,827	-46.7
Associate's degree	30,004	89,172	40,474	59,168	197.2	-48,698	-54.6
Bachelor's degree	2,894	23,126	42,352	20,232	699.1	19,226	83.1
Master's degree	962	11,498	24,941	10,536	1,095.2	13,443	116.9
Doctoral degree	0	0	24	0	NA	24	NA
Non-S&E	144,948	368,205	222,209	223,257	154.0	-145,996	-39.7
Certificate	91,062	136,361	109,254	45,299	49.7	-27,107	-19.9
Associate's degree	31,799	87,852	22,735	56,053	176.3	-65,117	-74.1
Bachelor's degree	13,331	82,636	49,045	69,305	519.9	-33,591	-40.6
Master's degree	8,507	59,069	38,597	50,562	594.4	-20,472	-34.7
Doctoral degree	249	2,287	2,578	2,038	818.5	291	12.7

NA = not available.

Note(s):

Data are based on institutions eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs. Certificates include only awards of less than 2 academic years below the associate's degree level. Doctoral degree programs include research doctoral degree programs only and do not include professional doctoral programs (e.g., Doctor of Medicine).

Source(s):

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